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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Katsuhiko SATO et al.

Serial No.: 09/367,060

Filed: August 6, 1999

For: LASER EMITTING HEAD, LASER-BEAM
TRANSMISSION APPARATUS,
METHOD OF ADJUSTING LASER-BEAM
TRANSMISSION APPARATUS, AND
INCORE-STRUCTURE PREVENTIVE-
MAINTENANCE/REPAIR APPARATUS

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) Group Art Unit: 2733
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) Examiner: Phan, Hanh
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed September 16, 2002, the period for reply having been extended to November 18, 2002 (November 16, 2002 being a Saturday and November 17, 2002 being a Sunday) by the request of a one-month extension of time filed herewith, Applicants respond as follows.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between:

- Group I, claims 1-5, characterized as being drawn to "a laser emitting head for irradiating a portion to be machined with laser beams outputted from a laser unit, classified in class 359, subclass 159";

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- Group II, claims 6-9, characterized as being drawn to "a preventative-maintenance/repair apparatus for incore structure, classified in class 359, subclass 110";
- Group III, claims 10-18, characterized as being drawn to "a light transmission apparatus, classified in class 359, subclass 173"; and
- Group IV, claims 19-21, characterized as being drawn to "a method of adjusting a light transmission apparatus, classified in class 359, subclass 163."

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-5.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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